

### AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(1) and MPEP 714, Applicant presents the following listing of claims:

**Claim 1 (original).** An improved golf club grip adapted to be mounted on a shaft comprising an elongated body formed of moldable, resilient material, said body having a cap end and a shaft end and having a longitudinal axis and an external surface having a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration throughout the length of said body, an elongated cavity disposed through the shaft end coaxially to the longitudinal axis of said body and adapted to receive the shaft, the external surface of said body having a first diameter adjacent the shaft end and a second diameter at the shaft end of said body, the diameter of said grip body progressively decreasing from said first diameter to said second diameter, and alignment means for positioning the grip body in the hands of a user extending upwardly from the exterior surface of said body from said shaft end to said cap end of said body whereby the grip adjacent the shaft end of said body provides an improved grip for the user's hand and better control of the golf club.

**CLAIMS (continued)**

**Claim 2 (currently amended).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 1 wherein said first diameter is approximately in the range of [0.77" - 0.80"] 0.92" - 0.95" and said second diameter is approximately in the range of [0.92" - 0.95"] 0.77" - 0.80".

**Claim 3 (original).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 2 wherein the diameter of said body uniformly decreases from the shaft end to the cap end of said body.

**Claim 4 (original).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 1 wherein said alignment means comprises an elongated ridge depending upwardly from the external surface of said body in alignment with the longitudinal axis of said body.

**Claim 5 (original).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 4 wherein said elongated ridge extends from the cap end to the shaft end of said body.

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**CLAIMS (continued)**

**Claim 6 (original).** An improved golf club grip adapted to be coupled to an elongated golf club shaft having a longitudinal axis, said golf club grip comprising an elongated grip body formed of moldable resilient material, said grip body having a cap end and a shaft end and having a longitudinal axis and an external surface having a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration throughout the length of said body, an elongated substantially circular cavity disposed through the shaft end coaxially through the longitudinal axis of said grip body and adapted to receive the golf club shaft, the external surface of said grip body having a first diameter adjacent the shaft end and a second diameter at the cap end of said grip body, the diameter of said grip body uniformly decreasing from said first diameter to said second diameter, and an alignment ridge extending upwardly from the external surface of said grip body in alignment with the longitudinal axis of said golf club shaft and adapted to permit the golf club grip to be consistently positioned in the user's hands for better control of the golf club.

**Claim 7 (currently amended).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 6 wherein said first diameter is approximately in the range of [0.77" - 0.80"] 0.92" - 0.95" and said second diameter is approximately in the range of [0.92" - 0.95"] 0.77" - 0.80".

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**CLAIMS (continued)**

**Claim 8 (original).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 6 wherein said elongated ridge extends from the cap end to the shaft end of said grip body.

**Claim 9 (new).** An improved golf club grip adapted to be mounted on a shaft comprising an elongated body formed of moldable, resilient material, said body having a cap end sufficiently outwardly flared or stepped to prevent said body from slipping out of the user's hands and a shaft end and having a longitudinal axis and an external surface having a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration throughout the length of said body, an elongated cavity disposed through the shaft end coaxially to the longitudinal axis of said body and adapted to receive the shaft, the external surface of said body having a first diameter adjacent the shaft end and a second diameter at the shaft end of said body, the diameter of said grip body progressively decreasing from said first diameter to said second diameter, and alignment means for positioning the grip body in the hands of a user extending upwardly from the exterior surface of said body from said shaft end to said cap end of said body whereby the grip adjacent the shaft end of said body provides an improved grip for the user's hand and better control of the golf club.

**CLAIMS (continued)**

**Claim 10 (new).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 9 wherein said first diameter is approximately in the range of 0.92" - 0.95" and said second diameter is approximately in the range of 0.77" - 0.80".

**Claim 11 (new).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 10 wherein the diameter of said body uniformly decreases from the shaft end to the cap end of said body.

**Claim 12 (new).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 9 wherein said alignment means comprises an elongated ridge depending upwardly from the external surface of said body in alignment with the longitudinal axis of said body.

**Claim 13 (new).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 12 wherein said elongated ridge extends from the cap end to the shaft end of said body.

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**CLAIMS (continued)**

**Claim 14 (new).** An improved golf club grip adapted to be coupled to an elongated golf club shaft having a longitudinal axis, said golf club grip comprising an elongated grip body formed of moldable resilient material, said grip body having a cap end sufficiently outwardly flared or stepped to prevent said golf club grip from slipping out of the user's hands and a shaft end and having a longitudinal axis and an external surface having a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration throughout the length of said body, an elongated substantially circular cavity disposed throughout said shaft end coaxially through the longitudinal axis of said grip body and adapted to receive said golf club shaft, the external surface of said grip body having a first diameter adjacent to said shaft end and a second diameter at said cap end of said grip body, the diameter of said grip body decreasing from said first diameter to said second diameter, and an alignment ridge extending upwardly from the external surface of said grip body in alignment with the longitudinal axis of said golf club shaft and adapted to permit said golf club grip to be consistently positioned in the user's hands for better control of the golf club.

**Claim 15 (new).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 14 wherein said first diameter is approximately in the range of 0.92" - 0.95" and said second diameter is approximately in the range of 0.77" - 0.80".

**CLAIMS (continued)**

**Claim 16 (new).** An improved golf club grip as defined in Claim 14 wherein said elongated ridge extends from said cap end to said shaft end of said grip body.

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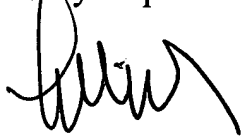
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**CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ASSISTANCE**

Applicant has corrected the section that amended the claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also non-obvious.

If for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P § 2173.02 and § 707.07 (j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very respectfully,



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